

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (October-December 2007)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Between the Lions, N 12/17/07 1:30pm, 30 min.

A storybook tornado blows into the library and makes a terrible mess. This happens after Theo reads "Pecos Bill Cleans Up the West" to Leona and Lionel before they go to bed. The next day Lionel asks Click to prove to Leona that Pecos Bill is just a fictional character. All of the various segments presented in the episode focus on the use of the short e in words such as west, bed, mess, bet, etc. Dr. Bertice Berry and Dr. Ruth Westheimer guest star.

Greater Boston, L 10/17/07, 7pm, 30 min

Shot in the Hood - Boston police officer Bill Willis shows us his new documentary about the impact of violence on Boston youth.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Ask This Old House N 10/20/07, 6pm, 30 min.

Host Kevin O'Connor visits St. Louis for a House call to help install a standby generator in an area with frequent power outages.

Basic Black, L 11/08/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Foreclosure devalues other homes in the neighborhood, takes revenue away from the property taxes local and state governments receive, and ultimately causes a slump in the housing market, which is predicted to cost the U.S. an estimated \$100 billion by 2009. In this episode of Basic Black, Adams-Heath, Blanton, and Campen join host Kim McLarin in a candid conversation about racial discrimination and mortgage lending. What should you know before buying your first home?

Greater Boston, L 10/18/07, 7pm, 30 min.

40b & Development - a look at the pros and cons of the 40b program, designed to promote affordable housing around the state.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Basic Black: Justice and Juveniles of Color L 11/01/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

In this conversation with Basic Black host Kim McLarin, Ward weighs in on the historical foundation of the juvenile justice system and how, over the last few decades, it was transformed from a method of rehabilitation to a system of punishment, especially of black youth. In addition, he describes the racial underpinnings behind the "child saving" movement.

Charlie Rose: American Gangster N 11/2/07, 11pm, 60 min.

A discussion about the film American Gangster with Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe, Ridley Scott, Brian Grazer, Frank Lucas, Richie Roberts, Mark Jacobson & Nicholas Pileggi. The film portrays a detective (Russell Crowe as Richie Roberts) that works to bring down the drug empire of Frank Lucas (Denzel Washington), a heroin kingpin from Manhattan, who is smuggling the drug into the country in the coffins of soldiers returning from the Vietnam War.

Crank: Darkness on the Edge of Town, N 11/06/07, 10pm, 60 min.

Whether smoked, snorted or injected, methamphetamine - commonly known as "crank" - counts more users than cocaine and heroin combined. In addition to exhausting social agencies and draining community finances, meth also leaves in its turbulent wake addiction, crime, burn victims, neglected children and toxic properties. Educational and compelling, CRANK: DARKNESS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN measures meth's devastating impact on one Tennessee town. The documentary examines meth's introduction as a deadly drug phenomenon, profiles legislation aimed at controlling the sale of meth-precursor cold medicines and reveals the hard lessons families learn about addiction.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Do You Speak American? N 11/23/07, 10pm, 60 min.

On the left coast, the series spotlights Spanglish - a hybrid of Spanish and English - with a segment on Patricia Lopez, a video jockey on the local Latino television program "Mex to the Max." It also explores Chicano - the thriving, distinct street talk of the Los Angeles Latino community - taking a trip to an inner-city park packed with urban teens accompanied by linguist Carmen Fought. MacNeil visits classrooms in which young students learn to translate Ebonics and the informal versions of English spoken at home into the classroom English they will need to succeed in the workforce.

Bill Moyers Journal N 11/02/07, 9pm, 60 min.

As Big Media is pushing the FCC to relax ownership rules, Bill Moyers Journal reports on the real-world consequences of media policy through the lens of how it affects minority media ownership in America. Also on the program, Moyers interviews Katherine S. Newman, author of The Missing Class: Portraits of the Near Poor in America, about the millions in America, who despite decent wages can't access public assistance and are one step away from poverty.

Bill Moyers Journal N 11/24/07, 5am, 60 min.

Race in America. Bill Moyers interviews theologian James Cone about the cross and the lynching tree as symbols of tragedy and triumph.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Way of the Warrior, N 11/8/07, 10pm, 60 min.

This film examines the visceral nature of war and the bravery of Native American veterans who valiantly served in the United States military during the wars of the 20th century, and explores the paradox of these proud veterans who chose to fight for a country that considered them

outside the American mainstream. These gripping stories are told against the backdrop of positive and negative themes familiar to Native Americans - the warrior ethic, prejudice, forced assimilation, poverty, cultural pride, redemptive acts and healing - through the prism of what it means to be "ogichidaa," or one who protects and follows the ways of the warrior.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Nature: The Good, The Bad, and the Grizzly, N 11/11/07, 7pm, 60 min.

Once on the edge of extinction, grizzlies have made a remarkable recovery. But this fierce predator is no longer content foraging in the back country. Today, bears are everywhere. This film tells the story of a great conservation success story - the rescue of the once all-but-extinguished grizzly population of Yellowstone - and how that success has spawned a complex web of new social and environmental problems for our most beloved national park and the people who live near it.

Nature: Penguins of the Antarctic, N 12/12/07, 3am, 60 min.

Emperors and kings, chinstraps and adelines -- the penguins of Antarctica all make their home in one of the most unforgiving environments on Earth. Their life has always been a constant struggle to survive. But their biggest challenge is yet to come. As the climate changes, long-established territories are being invaded, and traditional nesting colonies are being disrupted. How will these extraordinary birds deal with the full effects of global warming?

Nature: The Beauty of Ugly, N 11/22/07, 1am, 60 min.

We may think we know what is beautiful and what isn't, but in the natural world, beauty can be many things -- including what we might find completely repulsive. Not only can the bizarre be attractive, it can also provide just the edge a creature needs to succeed in a difficult environment. From frogfish and hagfish to naked mole rats and elephant seals, the program shows how and why ugly can be beautiful, even when it isn't pretty.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Expose: America's Investigative Reports, N 10/12/07, 10:30pm, 30 min.

Lisa Chedekel and Matthew Kauffman of the Hartford Courant investigate a disturbing trend in the mental health condition of military personnel returning to Iraq and Afghanistan - suicide rates are up, and the military has inadequate mechanisms to care for those in need of help.

Greater Boston, L 10/30/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Nursing Quotas - a health care debate heats up in Massachusetts. The question - should hospitals be required to employ a mandated number of nurses?

Life (part 2), N 10/19/07, 10:30pm, 30 min.

A special one-on-one conversation with the founding director of the National Institute on Aging, Robert Butler. The man who coined the term ageism discusses the progress we've made - or

haven't - in supporting America's aging population. Plus Dr. Butler's personal perspective on reaching his eighth decade and coping with the recent loss of his wife.

VIII. Economy/ Business

Charlie Rose, N 10/9/07, 11:30pm, 60 min.

A discussion about trade with British Commissioner of the European Union for Trade, Peter Mandelson

Bill Moyers Journal, N 10/12/07, 9:30pm, 60 min.

Wall Street woes. Bill Moyers asks veteran market watcher Robert Kuttner and Wall Street insider William H. Donaldson: Could we see a repeat of the big stock market crash of '29?

Greater Boston, L 12/17/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Toy Story - a look at the concerns about lead in toys and the impact on the holiday toy business.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Journey of Man, N 12/13/07, 1am, 120 min.

A group of geneticists have been pursuing a 10-year study into how the human race came to populate the world. This program explains this "global family tree" of all humans alive today, ultimately tracing back to one African man who lived fewer than 60,000 years ago. Hosted by Dr. Spencer Wells, a charismatic and compelling 31-year-old American scientist, the series explores this amazing discovery, along with the help of expert scientists, historians, archaeologists and anthropologists.

Oprah's Roots, N 12/25/07, 4am, 60 min.

When AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES premiered on PBS in February 2006, audiences and critics nationwide were especially drawn to the powerfully moving discussions between renowned scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., series host and executive producer, and TV pioneer/philanthropist Oprah Winfrey. In OPRAH'S ROOTS, Professor Gates and Ms. Winfrey continue their quest to discover the full history of her ancestors' struggles and accomplishments. The program builds on previously unseen portions of their original interview and will present the dramatic results of Ms. Winfrey's genetic analysis. This fascinating quest of OPRAH'S ROOTS will not only showcase Ms. Winfrey's family legacy, but also show viewers how census and slave holders' property records can help locate their own ancestors.

Athens: The Dawn of Democracy, N 11/21/07, 5am, 60 min.

Episode two explores Golden Age Athens at the dawn of democracy. Democracy unleashed and inspired new thinking that challenged older Athenian religion and society. The program uncovers brand new research showing how democracy fed new ideas and brought them into conflict with traditional beliefs.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 10/05/07, 9pm, 60 min.

Christians for Israel. Bill Moyers Journal reports on the politically powerful group Christians United for Israel, whose leader, Pastor John Hagee, advocates for a preemptive strike against Iran.